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TO: Chief, Western Hemisphere Division

SUBJECT: Establishment of Site for SHERWOOD

1. In an attempt to finalize the SHERWOOD program and to become operational in that phase of PBSUCCESS, all problems concerning the selection of a site have been studied and reviewed.

2. As has been pointed out in previous discussions, there are major technical considerations involved in the selection of a site. Santa Fe, the first site considered, was ruled out because the installation as originally planned could not deliver a broadcast to the target area during the hours of maximum listening potential.

3. There is one solution to this technical problem. By radically increasing the output power of the broadcast transmitter, the desired hours of coverage can be obtained. To establish such a high powered station is a very large logistical and installation problem but is a problem which can be solved with proper support from the Office of Logistics.

4. Restated, the advantages of establishing such a high powered station on Little Santa Fe are as follows:

- a. Complete control of site.
- b. No cover problem for technicians.
- c. No political problems.
- d. No one in CALLIGERIS' organization would know the location of Santa Fe, thus defections, penetrations, etc. could not blow the site.
- e. Maximum teneability as compared to other sites in KMFLUSH or WSHOOF.
- f. No need for contract employees thus allowing use KUCLUB technicians who are experienced in propaganda broadcasts and who are capable of evading enemy jamming if jamming is encountered.
- g. No requirement for using U.S. Government sterile equipment thus allowing more flexibility in the technical installation.
- h. Makes the most economical use of equipment and communication personnel.

5. The only major disadvantage in the use of the Santa Fe site is the problem of security. It must be assumed that broadcasts from Santa Fe can be pin pointed, however to prove that the broadcasts originate at this site would require an inspection by a neutral inspection team. Prior to such an inspection, the installation could be removed.

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6. To expedite the establishment of SHERWOOD the following is therefore recommended:

- a. That reconnaissance of Santa Fe be expedited.
- b. That the foregoing be processed earliest for approval and concurrence in principle.
- c. Upon receipt of the above ADCO be authorized to implement the requirements of this proposal on a top operation priority basis.
- d. Authority should be obtained from [] for unlimited use of Little Santa Fe.
- e. That SSD should be requested to provide a security officer to follow through with the implementation of the foregoing in such a manner to insure that only the barest minimum number of persons are permitted to learn the true identity of Santa Fe and of the foregoing proposal.

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